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### Turkey Amends Biotechnology Regulation

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**Report Highlights:**

Turkey's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFAL) published on May 28, 2014, an amendment to the "Regulation on GMO and Its Products". The amendment defines "contamination" and establishes a 0.9% threshold at and under which products are considered "contaminated". However, the amendment does not clearly explain how "contamination" changes the ability to market products or commodities with unapproved biotech traits. Currently Turkey has approved only 14 of 22 corn and 3 of 4 soybean events for feed use; none for food use.

**General Information:**

*Official Gazette dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 with no 29014  
From the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock;  
Amending Regulation to the Regulation on GMO and Its Products*

**Article 1-** The following sub-article is added to Article 4(1) of the Regulation on GMO And Its Product which was published in the Official Gazette dated 08/13/2010 with no. 27671.

“nn) GMO Contamination: is the adventitious or technically inevitable or unavoidable GMO contamination of products, whether subjected to GM technology or not, due to environmental factors or during primary production, manufacturing, processing, preparation, packaging, transport or storage.”

**Article 2-** The heading of Article 23 of same the Regulation is changed as “Sampling, analysis and evaluation” and the following sub-articles are added respectively.

(3) The Ministry identifies the methods related to sampling, analysis and evaluation by taking into consideration national and international norms.

(4) At the conclusion of the analysis, if 0,9% or below GMO is detected in a product, it is evaluated as GMO contamination.

(5) In GMO contaminated products, if the detected contaminated gene is approved by Biosafety Board, products are allowed to be used in comply with its usage purpose.

**Article 3-** This Regulation is enforced at the time of publish.

**Article 4-** This Regulation is enforced by Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock.